

## Transportation Element

### 3.1 Introduction

Automobile transportation is the predominant form of transportation in Trempealeau due to the limited forms of transportation available. Recreational transportation also plays an important role in the general system. The following section describes the existing conditions of transportation.

### 3.2 Transportation Vision and Goals

The goal of the Town of Trempealeau is to maintain quality roads and have all local roads paved by the year 2020.

### 3.3 Facilities Inventory and Characteristics

#### *Road Network*

The Town of Trempealeau's roadway network is comprised of about 88 miles of highways and town roads.

Functional road classifications for rural areas include principal arterials, minor arterials, major collectors, minor collectors, and local roads.

**Principal arterials**- serve interstate and interregional trips. These roads typically serve urban areas greater than 5,000 in population. These are classified as Interstate Highways.

**Minor arterials**- serve cities, large communities, and other major traffic generators providing intra-regional and inter-regional traffic movements. These are classified as Federal Highways.

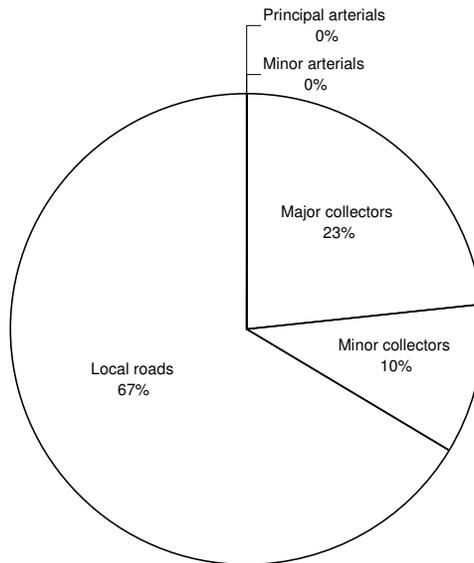
**Major collectors**- provide service to moderate sized communities and links intra-areas traffic to nearby larger population centers. These are classified as State Highways.

**Minor collectors**- these roads collect traffic from local roads and link them to all remaining smaller communities. All developed areas should be within a reasonable distance of a collector road. These are classified as County Roads.

**Local roads**- provide access for travel over relatively short distances. All roads not classified as arterials or collectors are local function roads. These are classified as Town Roads.

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Miles of Roadway</b>
Principal arterials	0.00
Minor arterials	0.00
Major collectors	20.5
Minor collectors	9.17
Local roads	58.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>88.00</b>

**Figure 3.1 Percent of Roadway System**



***WISLR Wisconsin Information for Local Roads***

WISLR is a program that can assist local governments with the maintaining inventory on the conditions of the roads, compliance with the Statutes to submit a pavement condition every two years, etc. This program helps the town in planning for future roadway improvements.

***Road Weight Restrictions and Limitations***

In the spring the town roads are not stable because of the winter frost activity so the town board has weight restrictions for town and county roads. There are roads that will not have weight restrictions because of the way they were designed.

**3.4 Roadway Improvements**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Road/Street</b>	<b>Mileage</b>	<b>Type of Improvement</b>
2003	Town	Schuh Road	1.36 Miles	Reconstruction/Blacktop
2003	Co-Aid	Cox Road		Seal Coat
2003	Private	Whispering Pines	.25 Miles	New Construction
2003	Town	Hovell Lane	1.23 Miles	Reconstruction/Blacktop
2003	Town	Rivera lane	.24 Miles	Reconstruction/Blacktop
2003	Town	Sobye Lane	.25 Miles	Reconstruction/Blacktop
2004	Private	Mountain View Lane	.3 Miles	New Construction
2004	Private	Primrose Road	.5 Miles	New Construction

2004	Private	River Pine Road	.64 Miles	New Construction
2004	Private	Red Pine Road	.19 Miles	New Construction
2004	Private	Larkspur Road	.14 Miles	New Construction
2004	Co-Aid	Engen Road	.18 Miles	Reconstruction/Blacktop
2004	Co-Aid	Bluff View	.36 Miles	Reconstruction/Blacktop
2004	Co-Aid	Little Tamarack	1.38 Miles	Reconstruction/Blacktop
2004	Co-Aid 50/50	Little Tamarack		Bridge Work
2004	Co-Aid	Kribs Road	1.10 Miles	Seal Coat
2004	Co-Aid	Wright Road	1.60 Miles	Seal Coat
2004	Co-Aid	Sullivan Road	.74 Miles	Seal Coat
2005	Co-Aid	Kopp Road	.36 Miles	Reconstruction/Blacktop
2005	Co-Aid	Daffinson Lane	.24 Miles	Reconstruction/Blacktop
2005	Town	Daffinson Lane	.24 Miles	Reconstruction/Blacktop
2005	Private	Timothy Lane	.23 Miles	New Construction
2005	Private	Hogan Lane	.11 Miles	New Construction
2005	Private	Larkspur Road	.42 Miles	New Construction
2005	Co-Aid	Schubert Road	3.91 Miles	Seal Coat
2005	Co-Aid	Cox Road	1.00 Miles	Seal Coat
2005	Co-Aid	W. Prairie Road	2.66 miles	Seal Coat
2005	Co-Aid 50/50	Kopp Road		Bridge Work
2005	Co-Aid 50/50	German Coulee		Bridge Work
2006	Co-Aid	Trowbridge Lane	.61 Miles	Reconstruction/Blacktop
2006	Co-Aid	11 <sup>th</sup> Street	.99 Miles	Reconstruction/Blacktop
2006	Private	Wildrose Road	.62 Miles	New Construction
2006	Private	Larkspur Road	.19 Miles	New Construction
2006	Co-Aid	Trim Road	2.69 Miles	Seal Coat
2006	Co-Aid	Sacia Road	.24 Miles	Seal Coat
2006	Town	Prairie View	.27 Miles	Seal Coat
2006	Co-Aid 50/50	C. Hovell		Bridge Work
2007	Co-Aid	Schuh Road	.61 Miles	Reconstruction/Blacktop
2007	Town	Fox Coulee	.52 Miles	Reconstruction/Blacktop
2007	Town	Grover Lane	.55 Miles	Reconstruction/Blacktop
2007	Town	Klein Lane	.29 Miles	Seal Coat
2007	Town	Fox Coulee		Seal Coat
2007	Co-Aid 50/50	Grover Lane		Bridge Work

### **3.5 Airports and Aviation**

The nearest airports providing regular scheduled passenger flights to domestic and international destinations are located in Eau Claire, WI; La Crosse, WI; and Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN. There are six private airport/airfields within Trempealeau County and one public, in Blair, WI.

### **3.6 Multi-Use Trails**

There are no town roads designated as ATV or snowmobile trails. There is a local snowmobile club that sets up and keeps trails groomed during the winter season. During the summer a local ATV club sets up and maintains trails for 4-wheeling.

The Great River State Bike Trail which runs through the backwaters of the Mississippi River provides spectacular views of the area. It can be either a starting or ending destination. There are also several other routes ranging from 10-40 mile loops that will take you on beautiful back roads.

### **3.7 Elderly and Disabled Transportation**

Trempealeau County's Senior Services office provides needs to the elderly persons of the county called Ride Solutions. Persons who have poor ambulation and vision may take use of the bus service that is available. There is also a van service for the elderly and disabled person of the county.

Senior Services also operates a volunteer driver program, which provides transportation to medical appointments for anyone age 60 or older who lives in their own home and is unable to get to their appointments on their own. Veterans of any age may also use this program if approved by the Veteran Services Officer. Persons with disabilities may use this program when approved by the Senior Services director and individuals on Medical Assistance may use this program if approved by Social Services. Volunteers use their own vehicles to transport participants to and from appointments and get reimbursed for their mileage.

### **3.8 Public Transit**

There is a bus service for those who are elderly and persons with physical disabilities. The closest commercial bus transportation is available by Greyhound Bus Lines in Eau Claire, WI; La Crosse, WI; and Winona, MN.

### **3.9 Trucking and Water Transportation**

Trucking transportation is served by the highway system. There are two (2) trucking firms for hire in the Town. With State Highways 35, 54 and 93 intersecting in Centerville, a lot of truck traffic passes through since there are few shipping destinations in the Town. Weight restrictions may apply with some exemptions for agricultural purposes.

Water transportation is for shipping purposes by the Mississippi River, along with recreational use. There are no accessible ports for water transportation in the Town.

### **3.10 Rail System**

There are currently railways in the Town of Trempealeau and there are no plans for future expansion of railways into the town. If needed, businesses could be serviced by a facility in Arcadia.

### **3.11 Neighborhood Designs and Mobility**

The Town Trempealeau is primarily rural. Providing many transportation choices for residents has limitations because of the rural nature of the town

### **3.12 Summary of Existing Transportation Plans**

The county has a five year roadway improvement plan from 2008-2012. There are no improvements planned in the Town of Trempealeau during those five years. The state has a roadway improvement plan from 2008-2013. There is some work to be done in the Town of Trempealeau but it should not affect the town's comprehensive plan. Maps of the proposed road projects for the county are on pages 18-23.

### **3.13 Transportation Goals, Objectives, and Actions**

Goal: A safe and efficient transportation system that meets the needs of multiple users.

Objective 1: Continue to maintain and upgrade town roadways and signage.

*Action: In accordance with state law using PASER, continue to evaluate local roads.*

*Action: Review the five-year road plan on a semi-annual basis.*

Objective 2: Assess the need for maintaining and adding additional road signage in the town.

*Action: Utilize town road maintenance personnel for inspection purposes.*

Objective 3: Support the creation of non-motorized bike trails in the town.

*Action: When roads are constructed, consider the potential of adding bike lanes or wide shoulders.*